REMARKS

1	Applicants elect Group 1 (claims 1 - 18 and 23 - 24), Species 1 (claims
2	1 - 11 and 23) without traverse.
3	Applicants elect A1, copper.
4	Applicants elect B1, TaN.
5	Applicants elect C1, TaN.
6	Applicants elect D1, argon.
7	Applicants elect E1, depositing a liner layer, then removing the liner layer.
8	Applicants elect F1, depositing the second liner layer on the lower
9 .	interconnect.
.0	Applicants agree that claims 1 - 11 and 23 read on Species I.
.1	Applicants traverse the examiner's requirement to elect a member of
2	groups A - F. The examiner has not indicated what response he intends to

1	the election, but an obvious possibility is the searching of only the elected
2	member of the group; e.g. only TaN in group B.
3	Applicants note that claims 3, 4 and 5 contain Markush groups and expect
4	to receive an action from the examiner dealing with all members of the
5	group.
6	Allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited.
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